

# Midcoast Community Council

*An elected Municipal Advisory Council to the  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
Serving 12,000 coastal residents*  
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## Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Agenda

DATE: **Monday, April 1, 2002 -- Mirada Surf Sunset Walk before the meeting.**  
TIME: 5:30 p.m. \*\*\* for the walk 7:30 p.m. --- regular meeting time  
LOCATION: Mirada Surf, East Parcel, and Three-Zero Café, Half Moon Bay Airport

1. **5:30 p.m. Sunset Walk at Mirada Surf.** Meet at the East Parcel turnout at 5:30. Heading North on Hwy 1, park in the dirt turnout with the call box, last turnout on the right before the Coronado intersection at El Granada. **OR: park on Santiago just past the El Granada Elementary School, and take the dirt path over to Hwy 1.** Walk begins at 5:45, led by Bern Smith. We will walk the East parcel, then the West parcel, and adjourn to the Three-Zero Café for snacks before the meeting.
2. 7:00 p.m. Snack Break --- Three-Zero Café. Bring a beverage, and some junk food or a healthy snack
3. 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting: Call to Order, determination of quorum, introductions
4. Public comment – The public is invited to speak briefly on any topic not on the agenda.
5. **Mirada Surf Fundraising:** presentation by Julia Bott of the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Foundation. 30 minutes
6. **Coastside Playgrounds:** presentation by Mary Kate Meyerhoffer. A survey of the official and unofficial community playgrounds on the MidCoast. 30 minutes
7. Catalog of Local Meeting Places: Gary Wood.
8. Parks and Recreation Committee Mission Statement: a brief discussion of our charter and goals. 20 minutes
9. Announcements, and Brief status updates on issues previously discussed.
10. Adjourn.

### Future Meetings:

- \*\*\* Public Workshop: Presentation of the results of the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment – Monday, April 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the El Granada School Multi-Purpose Room.
- Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting – Mon., May 6, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at Three Zero Café

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## Help secure funding for Mirada Surf

**Please send letters of support to:**

~~Terri Nevins~~ *Prentiss Williams*  
Central Coast Program Manager  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Mirada Surf Property, San Mateo County

**Make it a short letter in your own words. Some ideas are below.**

This is an historic opportunity to purchase a key piece of undeveloped land --identified as parkland on the General Plan and LCP for over 20 years -- in an area with significant development pressure. The proximity of this part of the coast to urban areas and the improvements, such as Pillar Point Harbor, make this a popular regional destination. Improved coastal access and additional opportunities for public recreation are critical to the meeting the needs of both visitors and residents.

Purchase of the parcel would provide many benefits to the community, including:

- establishing a permanent greenbelt;
- preservation of coastal and hillside views from Highway 1;
- protection of sensitive wetlands;
- opportunities to improve safety and parking for coastal access and complete this segment of the Coastal Trail;
- linkage to Quarry Park and other public lands.

The bluff, just south of Surfers' Beach, is the only undeveloped coastal bluff in the area. The curve of the shoreline in this area provides expansive views of the harbor to the north and beaches to the south.

Currently, access on the bluff is not managed and this segment of the Coastal Trail is not improved. The area is popular for families with children, as the beach to the north is sheltered and safe for wading. The site also receives heavy use from surfers and Highway 1 is very congested in this spot. Parking is haphazard and trails to the beach are not built to specifications for safety or preservation of the natural resources. While the drop off is not significant, it is an 8-20 foot drop to the sand and there is no fencing or signage to prevent falls from the bluffs.



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Please send copies of letters to the

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